

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

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1. (currently amended) A method comprising:
accepting voice input defining at least one spoken word; and
calibrating the at least one spoken word in response to at least one defined speech-energy criterion, wherein said calibrating includes setting a target RMS value, setting a tolerance value within a predefined range of the target RMS value, calculating an actual RMS value, calculating a scaling factor and applying the scaling factor to the actual RMS value if the actual RMS value is not within the tolerance value and determining if the scaled RMS value is within the tolerance value.
 2. (original) The method of Claim 1, wherein said calibrating the at least one word in response to at least one defined speech-energy criterion comprises:
calibrating the at least one spoken word in response to a defined root-mean-squared target value.
 3. (original) The method of Claim 2, wherein said calibrating the at least one word in response to a defined root-mean-squared target value comprises:
multiplying a discrete representation of the at least one word by a scaling factor such that a resultant root-mean-squared value of the multiplied discrete representation of the at least one word is within a defined tolerance of the defined root-mean-squared target value.